greater amount of pension to widows of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): While anomalies, if any, in the scheme for One Time Increase in Pensions will be rectified after due scrutiny, the quantum of pension entitlement to widows is not an anomaly, and there is no proposal for its enhancement.

AIDS cases in Defence Forces

2005. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of HIV positive and AIDS cases have been detected at the Southern Command hospital in all the three wings of the defence forces;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of HIV positive and AIDS cases detected at other command hospitals of the defence services; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Command Hospital (Southern Command), Pune is one of the two Referral Centres (the other Centre being the Military Hospital, Delhi) to which cases from all Commands of the three Services are referred for confirmatory test for HIV positive and AIDS cases. The Service-wise number of such cases, as on 31-1-1993, is as below:—

		HTV Posirive Cases	Full Blown Cases
1.	Army	112	3
2.	Navy	32	Nill
3.	Air Force	04	Nill
	Total :	148	3

(d) Some of the important measures taken to check the spread of AIDS are:

(i) Blood is obtained only from voluntary donors among the Service personnel. Professional donors are not entertained.

(ii) 9 Centres carry out surveillance for HIV infection in the Armed Forces. Blood donors and high risk cases are screened for HIV infection at these Centres.

(iii) All equipment used for invasive procedures is sterilised or only disposable equipment is used to prevent transmission of HIV.

(iv) Education compaigns against AIDS and its prevention are being carried out vigorously through meetings, panel discussions, symposia etc. involving personnel of all ranks and other families, including cadets and recruits, to inform them about the cause, mode of spread and preventive measures against HIV.

(v) Service Medical Officers have been deputed to national and international conferences to keep abreast of the developments on the strategies and methods of controlling HIV infection.

(vi) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued covering all aspects of prevention, management and disposal of HIV positive cases to all concerned.

(vii) A centralised AIDS Control Cell has been established in Pune

to maintain surveillance, provide guidance and recommend corrective action, wherever necessary, in the Armed Forces.

Comprehensive Development Plan for Coast Guards

2006. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalised a comprehensive development plan for Coast Guards during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of allocation finalised for the current year and during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) what are the salient features of the plan; and

(d) whether performance of coast guards has been reviewed and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The allocation for 1992-93 is Rs. 202.15 crores. The Coast Guard VIII Plan (1992—97) is awaiting approval. The salient features of the Plan is the augmentation of the Coast Guard force levels through induction of ships and aircrafts alongwith the corresponding infrastructure. The performance of the Coast Guard is reviewed from time to time, keeping in view its functions and responsibilities.

Recognition of Subhedar Hospital Nagpur for the treatment of Army personnel

2007. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received application from Subhedar Hospital, Nagpur for being recognised for treatment of defence personnel as Government of Maharashtra and the Government of India have already recognised it for their employees;

(b) what is the reasons for the delay in granting recognition; and

(c) when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A reference dated 16-12-92, indicating the facilities available in the Subedar Hospital has been received by the Government.

(b) and (c) Defence civilian employees, who are members of CGHS, are entitled for treatment in this clinic as the Hospital already stands recognised by CGHS. Servicemen and their families are provided treatment at the Military Hospital Kamptee.

Mysterious arrival and departure of former scientific advisor

2008. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in Indian Express dated 28th January, 1993 regarding the visit of the former scientific adviser to the Defence Minister from his U.S. assignment; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the manner in which the matter has been dealt with by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE